Save The Date
"AQuESTT: Every Student, Every Day"
--Continuing to Improve with Data…
April 18-19, 2016

The annual AQuESTT Conference will be held April 18-19, 2016 at the Younes Conference Center – Kearney, Nebraska. The meeting will provide opportunities for school personnel and teams to learn about and experience Best and Emerging Practices, Research and Innovations, Leadership Development, Professional Learning Approaches for each of the six AQuESTT tenets. In addition, a targeted strand of sessions around specific data related topics including new tools, demonstrations and featured sessions on protecting student privacy along with other exciting topics.

The Call for Presentations and Conference Registration details will be available in the coming weeks.

 NonPublic Curriculum Report 2015-2016 – Opening: Week of January 11 – Due Date: February 29
Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov
This is required for NonPublic Systems only.

The NonPublic Curriculum Reporting System 2015-2016 will collect data on courses teachers teach for use in determining compliance with Rule 10 and Rule 14. The NonPublic Curriculum Report is located under the "Data Collections" tab in the Portal. Due Date: February 29. Audit Window close date: March 14.

 Student Summary Attendance - Collection Period 2 – Due Date: January 20
Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov
Public Districts and Special Purpose Systems only

Student Summary Attendance collection period 2 (2015-10-16 through 2015-12-31) is due January 20. Audit Window close date February 4.

 NSSRS Extract – Due Date: January 20
Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov
Public Districts and Special Purpose Systems only

On January 21, data will be extracted from NSSRS submissions for preprinted labels for Nebraska State Accountability – Reading (NeSA-R), Math (NeSA-M), and Science (NeSA-S). Data will also be extracted for Excessive Absenteeism Quarterly Count, State Aid Certification and Cohort Graduation Rate and Dropout Rate calculations. The following NSSRS templates should be up to date by January 20: Student, School Enrollment, Year-end Sped Snapshot, Student Summary Attendance (2015-10-16 through 2015-12-31).

High School Feedback Reports Updated/Student Clearinghouse Data Files Available

Contact for more information: Max Reiner (402-471-6751 or max.reiner@nebraska.gov)
Contact for assistance: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)
Public and State Operated Schools only

The High School Feedback Reports in the Data Reporting System (DRS) Secured Site has been updated for 2015. The reports provide details of graduates and subsequent postsecondary choices. In addition, the updated National Student Clearinghouse Data Download files are located in the NSSRS Validation website. The data download files include the most up-to-date college enrollment data currently available for all graduates, including the 2014-2015 graduates. With authorization from the Superintendent, these files can be accessed by logging into the NDE Portal and opening NSSRS Validation, then clicking on Data Downloads in the top menu, then Student Clearinghouse.

NeSA-RMSW 2015-2016 Key Dates

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or valorie.foy@nebraska.gov)

Key dates for NeSA-RMSW are presented in the following table.

Update Student Information in NSSRS for NeSA-RMS Operational Test	January 20, 2016

Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website: http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html

ADVISER Dashboard – Vendor Status Update

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

Below is the update on Student Information Systems vendors for development and validation in the ADVISER Dashboard Pilot Project.

Name	Vendor	Development	Validation	Certification	Staging 14-	Pilot Staging 15-16	Production 15-16
Powerschool	PowerSchool	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In progress for six pilot districts; 31 Early Adopter Program districts stage data in January 2016.	Starts in December 2015 for six pilot districts; 31 EAP districts targeted for February 2016
SIMS	ESU3	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In progress for one pilot district; Early Adopter Program districts in January 2016	Starts in December 2015 for one pilot district; Early Adopter Program districts targeted for February 2016
Infinite Campus	Infinite Campus	In progress;	In progress	Phase I certification starts in December 2015 Phase II certification targeted for June 2016	n/a		
GoEdustar	Harris School Solutions	In progress;	In progress	Targeted for spring 2016	n/a		
JMC	JMC Inc	In progress;			n/a		
Schoolmaster	Tyler Technologies	Planning			n/a		
Sycamore Education	Sycamore Leaf Solutions	Not started			n/a		
EduPoint	Synergy	Not started			n/a		
Administrator's Plus	Rediker Software	Not started			n/a		
Lumen WeBSIS	Lumen Software	Not started			n/a		
Engrade	Engrade	Not started			n/a		
TeacherEase	Common Goal Systems	Not started			n/a		

Early Childhood Education Program Competitive Grants are now available

Applications are due by **5:00 pm CST Friday, February 12, 2016**. Eligible applicants are public school districts, individually or in a cooperation with other school districts and educational service units. Districts interested in this funding opportunity are required to work cooperatively with programs that exist with the community, including Head Start and private child care and preschool programs. The grant program may expand, but must not supplant programs and services within the community or service area that are currently provided using state or federal funds.

Guidelines for writing applications, application forms, budget forms, and additional resource information are available on the NDE Office of Early Childhood website http://www.education.ne.gov/oec/forms.html. All forms must be downloaded from the website, completed, and submitted via email.

If you have questions, please contact one of the Education Specialists at the NDE Office of Early Childhood:

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Linda Meyers; 402-471-2980; linda.meyers@nebraska.gov
Kim Texel; 402-471-4386; kim.texel@nebraska.gov
Catie Limbach; 402-471-0951; catie.limbach@nebraska.gov

HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.
All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of the following options.
If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.
1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.
   OR
2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov
   OR
3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 – **This is a Voicemail line ONLY.**

Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

ALSO: If you have contacted the NDE Program Staff person, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.
THANK YOU!

NDE Bulletins: Past and Present:

Current and past NDE Bulletins can be found at http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html. We will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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